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Office Action Summary

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Oct 10, 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 and 27-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 and 27-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 4 20) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.
2. The preliminary amendment filed October 10, 2000 is acknowledged.

Priority

3. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-24 and 27-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Casarez et al (the US Patent No. 5,913,174, cited by Applicant) or Shoemaker (the US Patent No. 5,363,114).

The Casarez et al reference teaches in figure 12 an antenna comprising: a

conductive element defining a planar antenna and a flexible member arranged to carry the conductive element. The conductive element is embedded in the flexible member 3. The flexible member is generally flat and planar. The conductive element is disposed on a central bend axis of the flexible member. The conductive element is disposed on a substrate. The flexible member is biased towards a generally planar equilibrium. The assembly further comprises a relatively rigid base portion for connecting the assembly to the telecommunication apparatus. The conductive element is a pre-formed wire. The conductive member is a stamped out pattern from a planar sheet. The conductive element is stainless or spring steel. The conductive element is disposed on the substrate by a process of etching. The conductive element is disposed on the substrate by a process of printing using conductive ink. The substrate is polyester. The substrate is polyamide. The flexible member is a thermo plastic elastomer. The conductive element is within the flexible member.

The apparatus discussed above would perform the claimed method.

The shoemaker reference teaches in figure 2 an antenna comprising: a conductive element 1-11 defining a planar antenna and a flexible member C arranged to carry the conductive element. The conductive element 1-11 is embedded in the flexible member (figure 14). The flexible member is generally flat and planar (figures 1-2). The conductive element is disposed on a central bend axis of the flexible member. The conductive

element is disposed on a substrate (figure 3). The flexible member is biased towards a generally planar equilibrium (figure 2). The assembly further comprises a relatively rigid base portion 41 for connecting the assembly to the telecommunication apparatus. The conductive element is a pre-formed wire (figures 8-9). The conductive member is a stamped out pattern from a planar sheet. The conductive element is stainless or spring steel. The conductive element is disposed on the substrate by a process of etching (col. 4, lines 1-10). The conductive element is disposed on the substrate by a process of printing using conductive ink (col. 4, lines 1-10). The substrate is polyester. The substrate is polyamide. The flexible member is a thermo plastic elastomer. The conductive element is within the flexible member (col.2, lines 40-60).

The apparatus discussed above would perform the claimed method.

Correspondence

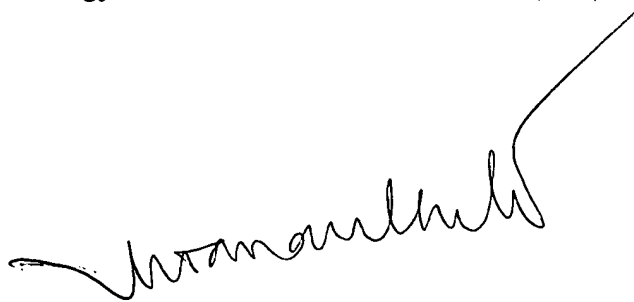
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner Hoanganh Le whose telephone number is (703) 308-4921.
7. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.
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papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The Technology Center Fax Center number is (703) 308-7722 or (703) 308-7724.

Hoanganh Le
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Hoanganh Le', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Hoanganh Le
Primary Examiner